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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER

REF: NAIROBI'S 9165 OF 10/31/74, ADDIS ABABA 3045

1. ACCORDING TO ETHIOPIAN CHARGE HERE, FOR. MIN.
KIFLE WODAJO WAS PLEASED WITH RESULTS OF HIS MARCH 14
AUDIENCE WITH PRESIDENT KENYATTA. AS REFLECTED IN
JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED SAME DAY (BEING POUCHED DEPT.
AND ADDIS), KENYATTA STRONGLY SUPPORTED EPMG'S
POSITION THAT ERITREA AN INTEGRAL PART OF ETHIOPIA
AND EXPRESSED HOPE NOT ONLY THAT PEACEFUL SOLUTION
TO ERITREAN PROBLEM WOULD BE FOUND, BUT ALSO THAT
OTHER STATES WOULD REFRAIN FROM INTERFERING IN
ETHIOPIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIRS.

2. KENYATTA ALSO TOLD WODAJO FACT THAT FORMER
EMPEROR HIS CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND AND THAT ETHIOPIA
NOW FOLLOWING SOCIALIST PATH WHILE KANYA ON
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CAPITALIST COURSE NEED NOT AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN

TWO COUNTRIES. KENYA LOOKS FORWARD TO STRENGTHENING ITS TIES WITH EITHIOPIA AND, TO THIS END, AGREED THAT JOINT MINISTERIAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE SHOULD BE REACTIVATED AND CONVENED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE, PERHAPS BY LATE MARCH OR EARLY APRIL, TO DISCUSS CONTINUED ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND OTHER AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. ACCORDING TO CHARGE, WODAJO'S VISITS TO DAR ES SALAAM AND LUSAKA HAVE BEEN EQUALLY SUCCESSFUL IN TERMS OF WINNING SUPPORT FOR EPMG'S POSITION ON ERITREA. WODAJO TRAVELLING TO KAMPALA MARCH 18 TO BRIEF AMIN BEFORE RETURNING TO ADDIS ABABA MARCH 19.

4. COMMENT: KENYATTA'S DECISION TO RECEIVE WODAJO SHOULD HELP KENYAN FOREIGN MINISTRY COUNTER ADVERSE EFFECTS OF HIS REFUSAL TO SEE FIRST EPMG DELEGATION LAST OCTOBER (NAIROBI REFTTEL). BUT EVEN IF GOK NOW BEGINS TO REBUILD ITS CONTACTS WITH ADDIS ABABA, PATH MAY STILL BE ROCKY, GIVEN DIFFERING POLITICAL/ECONOMIC PHILOSOPHIES AND PAST SUSPICIONS.
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